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SUBJECT: IRS: 1977 OVERSEAS TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OTAP)

REF: AIRGRAM A-151, JANUARY 11, 1977

1. HONG KONG AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS ASKED  
THAT TAX ASSISTOR BEVERLY BAHR MEET WITH TAX COMMITTEE  
OF CHAMBER IN INFORMAL LUNCHEON TO DISCUSS RECENTLY  
ENACTED TAX LEGISLATION.

2. TAX ASSISTOR MARTIN LAST YEAR MET WITH SAME GROUP.  
CONSULATE GENERAL URGES THAT BAHR ALSO MEET WITH GROUP.  
AS IRS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, 1976 LEGISLATION IS VIEWED IN  
SOME QUARTERS AS INIMICAL TO AMERICANS EMPLOYED ABROAD.  
LOCAL CHAMBER, IN CONCERT WITH OTHER CHAMBERS IN ASIA-PACIFIC  
AREA IS PLANNING PROTEST TO WASHINGTON ON GROUND THAT IT WILL  
FORCE MANY AMERICANS RETURN U.S. TO OVERALL DETRIMENT U.S.  
BUSINESS INTERESTS OVERSEAS. MATTER HAS RECEIVED  
CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY LAST FEW DAYS, WITH  
STORIES IN ASIA WALL STREET JOURNAL AS WELL AS  
LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS. CONSULATE  
GENERAL BELIEVES IT IMPERATIVE THAT BAHR MEET WITH  
COMMITTEE TO HEAR THEIR ARGUMENTS AND CONVEY THEM  
TO IRS.

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3. AN EARLY REPLY WILL BE APPRECIATED, IF POSSIBLE  
BEFORE COB, JANUARY 27, INASMUCH AS THE MONTHLY  
CONSULATE GENERAL BRIEFING OF CHAMBER MEMBERS WILL  
TAKE PLACE BEGINNING 0900 LOCAL, JANUARY 28.

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